(b) and (c) Yes; a copy of the resignation letter is placed on the Council Table.

(d) It is placed on the Council Table.

(e) No remarks or criticisms were submitted.

(f) Yes.

Co-operative Societies.

375. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many of the Co-operative Societies are not functioning properly;—

(b) what is the procedure adopted by the Co-operative Department in trying to rectify these societies;

(c) what remedy had the Department to check unscrupulous committee members who exploit upon the general body and who will not arrange for a meeting to rectify matters;

(d) has there been any instances in which the committee members, though elected by the people, were behaving autocratically;

(e) how did the Department cope with the situation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) About three dozen.

(b) To issue instructions to the Secretary and ask him to convene a general body meeting at which the Department will educate them on their rights and responsibilities, suggest ways and means for improvements and advise reconstitution of Panchayats.

(c) The Department had no remedy except that of advising the Panchayats and instructing the general body to elect good committee members. But the revised Rules under the Regulation which were passed into law towards the end of 1104 give sufficient powers to the Registrar to deal with the situations.

(d) Yes.

(e) The Department could not cope with the situation. Any influential committee member can nullify all the good intentions of the Department and make the society his own and of no good to the people for whom it was intended. Now by the new Rules the Department could point out to the general body the mischief done by a member and remove him if necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—With reference to answer to sub-division (b), is the Secretary bound to carry out the instructions, or is it left to him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—With reference to answer to sub-division (c), is the Government sure that the Registrar is given sufficient power?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—With reference to sub-division (e), may I know who could point it out to the general body ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Registrar.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Has he full power ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Central Co-operative Bank.

376. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) was any attempt made by the previous Director of the Central Co-operative Bank to rouse the societies up against the passing of the present Rules ;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Board has sent any communication to societies soliciting downright criticisms against the Draft Rules published by the Government ;

(3) was any favourable criticisms received by the Government from any co-operators appreciating the introduction of such Rules parallel to other advanced Provinces and States?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2). The previous Board issued a memorandum to societies. There is nothing in it to shew that the Bank wanted to rouse up the societies against the passing of the Rules. A copy of the memorandum is placed on the Council Table.

(3) Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In this paper it is given here; "ഇടതെ വായിച്ച ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ..... ....." Now I understand that the meaning of the word "ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ" is hostile criticism. If it is so, there is a real incitement to the societies to rouse themselves up against the Rules framed by the Government. The whole thing depends upon that word "ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ", the meaning of which is, as I understand, hostile criticism. If it is so, there is a real incitement to the societies to defy the Government.

377. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the previous Board of Directors of the Central Bank has issued the so-called Circular No. 15 with the previous approval of the Government;

(2) what are the remarks of the auditor in the matter of issuing such a circular by the Bank;

(3) was there any representation made to Government by the member societies of the Bank raising complaints regarding the issue of such a circular against the interest of the Co-operative Societies in the State;

(4) are not these societies competent to call the owners of such a circular to explain their action and cancel the same ;

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